

Blogging Classroom Ideas

Expectations

Prep to 2 Class Blogs

3 to 6 class blogs and individual blogs - grade 3/4 to be used as a digital portfolio, grade 5/6 is a niche blog which is about a single subject of interest to that student eg. horses/trains superheros etc)

Practical Ideas

- ~~1.~~ — Commenting on other peoples blogs both within school and within the wider context (this is a good place to link there passion pages to other blogs of similar interest)
- ~~2.~~ — Reflections on school events/news reports
- ~~3.~~ — Create a “How to Video” to post on your blog
- ~~4.~~ — Create a google presentation and embed it in the blog
- ~~5.~~ — Create a poll in google forms
- ~~6.~~ — Create “top ten”
- ~~7.~~ — Create a slideshow in picassa and embed it into your blog
- ~~8.~~ — Speaking and Listening - Create a podcast using Garage Band and upload onto blog
- ~~9.~~ — Write a survival guide for a game - procedural texts
- ~~10.~~ — Find an online game that demonstrates the use of angles and write about it in your blog, link through to it take a screen-shot of it
- ~~11.~~ — Create a piece of art that shows tessellations/angles google sketch, sumo paint, (maths)
- ~~12.~~ — Students create their own word problems and then other students answer them in the comments functions (maths)
- ~~13.~~ — Speaking and Listening - create a class TV show and post it on the blog
- ~~14.~~ — Use google earth to measure distances/find things around the world that are different 3D shapes - take screen shots and upload to blogs
- ~~15.~~ — Adding widgets to blogs
- ~~16.~~ — add anything created in the specialist EYT program to blogs
- ~~17.~~ — Students record their reading log online and complete book reviews about finished books

~~18.~~ Find another readers blog reviewing the same book and make a comment

~~19.~~ Write film/ipod apps reviews >>love this app review idea! Brenda

~~20.~~ Find an article and link it on to your blog - do you agree or disagree with the article?

~~21.~~ Students complete homework tasks on their blog

~~22.~~ set up a google reader to better organise the blogs the kids are now following

~~23.~~ Students create a book trailer (like a movie trailer) about a book and upload it to the blog

~~24.~~ effective use of commenting <http://teacherchallenge.edublogs.org/2011/02/22/student-blogging-activity-3-beginner-teaching-quality-commenting/>

~~25.~~ Helping parents connect to the blog <http://teacherchallenge.edublogs.org/2011/02/25/student-blogging-activity-4-beginner-helping-parents-connect-with-your-class-blog/>

~~26.~~ add a visitor tracker to your blog such as clustermaps
<http://teacherchallenge.edublogs.org/2011/03/09/student-blogging-activity-6-beginner-add-a-visitor-tracking-widget-to-your-blog-sidebar/>

~~27.~~ set up google reader and add your student blogs to a folder
<http://teacherchallenge.edublogs.org/2011/03/20/student-blogging-activity-9-beginners-add-your-student-blogs-to-a-folder-in-google-reader/>

~~28.~~ Learn how to write better posts

- using headings
- using hyperlinks
- catchy titles
- short and to the point <http://teacherchallenge.edublogs.org/2011/01/13/kick-start-activity-2-%E2%80%93-beginner-%E2%80%93-effective-and-engaging-blog-posts/>

29.. Introduce the idea of pages
<http://teacherchallenge.edublogs.org/2011/01/17/kick-start-activity-3-%E2%80%93-beginner-%E2%80%93-introduction-to-working-with-pages/>

30. connecting with others - what it's all about
<http://teacherchallenge.edublogs.org/2011/01/20/kick-start-activity-4-%E2%80%93-beginner-%E2%80%93-connecting-with-others/>

31. enhance posts with images
<http://teacherchallenge.edublogs.org/2011/01/24/kick-start-activity-5-%E2%80%93-beginner-enhancing-posts-with-images/>

32. enhance posts by embedding media - slideshows, comic strips, quizes, polls
<http://teacherchallenge.edublogs.org/2011/01/27/kick-start-activity-6-%E2%80%93-beginner-%E2%80%93-enhancing-posts-by-embedding-media/>
33. get more from your widgets
<http://teacherchallenge.edublogs.org/2011/01/31/kick-start-activity-7-%E2%80%93-beginner-%E2%80%93-getting-more-out-of-widgets/>
34. add blog rolls and get more readership
<http://teacherchallenge.edublogs.org/2011/02/03/kick-start-activity-8-building-readership-and-blogrolls/>
35. add a clock <http://www.clocklink.com/>
36. add a voice over <http://www.readthewords.com/>
<http://theedublogger.com/2008/02/24/adding-a-voki-speaking-avatar-to-your-blog-sidebar/> voiki
<http://www.xtranormal.com/>
- 37.. embedd a google doc or other google apps
<http://theedublogger.com/category/building-global-connections/>
38. Adding the addthis icon <http://www.addthis.com/>
39. Add the hash tag #commentsforkids whenever you are asking for comments on twitter
40. The Teddy Bear Project - great blogging experience for younger students (maybe older too!)
<http://media.earn.org/projects/teddybear>
41. Odiogo - back when I used blogger this free widget allowed you to make the content on your blog into an audio file so that younger students or those with reading issues could hear the blog <http://www.odiogo.com/>
42. Take stance : Post a challenge and have students take one point of view, either for or against and write a persuasive piece to convince others.
43. Comments for kids: <http://comments4kids.blogspot.com/> A great way to get the conversations going
44. Create a persuasive video or recommendation about your favourite book
45. Send an email to someone else in another class to view your blog and comment on it